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# Metal evaporation coating system and process

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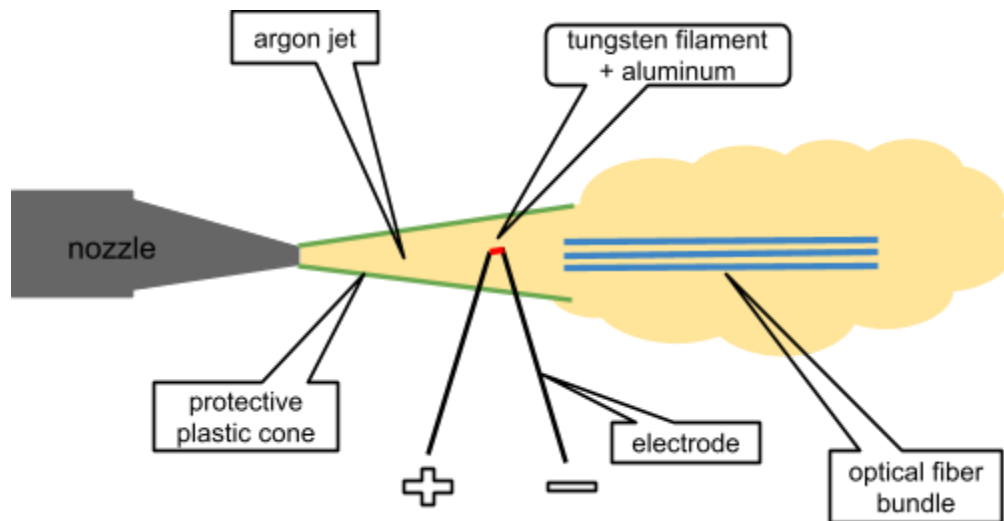
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## Concept layout

This is a metal evaporation system **without a vacuum chamber**. We use an argon jet to replace the air around the filament and the optical fiber bundle. We believe this is possible because the area to be coated is very small, only a few mm<sup>3</sup>.



## Relevance

Metal coating will be used for the [joint-type sensor](#) and for the [evanescent wave leak sensor](#). SENSORICA members can also offer coating services in exchange of revenue. [See document describing this service](#).

## Parts and cost evaluation

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## Other alternatives

[Homemade metal evaporation coating under high vacuum video](#)  
[Chemical silver optical fiber coating](#), from [Chemical silver coating video](#)

## History

This idea was proposed by [Tibi](#). It is based on [his experience in metal surface laser processing using noble gasses to avoid oxidation](#).

## Comments

See our efforts for [Chemical silver optical fiber coating](#)